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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following documents:

1. A copy of Transmittal of Petition to Make Special with Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 dated February 10, 2004 (1 page);
2. A copy of Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Age (1 page);
3. A copy of Declaration of Facts in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Age (2 pages); and
4. A copy of postcard receipt stamped received in the Office of Initial Patent Examination February 13, 2004 (1 page).

The above referenced documents were transmitted to the Office of Petitions on February 10, 2004 by first class mail. We have not yet received a decision on the above-mentioned Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Age. Thank you for your timely response in this matter.

Best regards,

Charlene Morgan
Charlene Morgan
Legal Assistant

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PATENTS**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Robert L. Wheeler et al.

Serial No.: 10/707,590

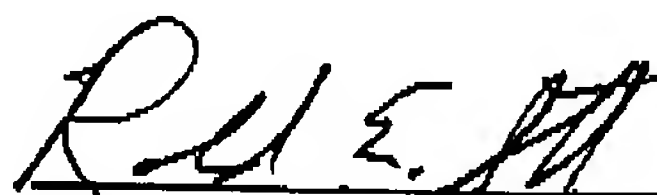
Filed: 12/23/2003

For: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

Art Unit: Unassigned
Examiner: Unassigned
Confirmation No. 1589Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special for this application.
2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), no fee is included with this petition.

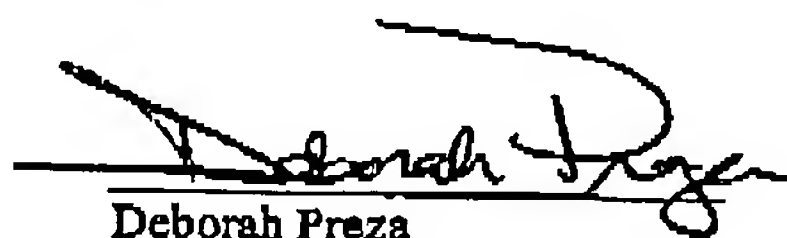
Very respectfully,



Signature of Practitioner

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 10, 2004.


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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicants are over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by each applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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**DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

I, Robert L. Wheeler, of 823-A East Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, am a co-inventor; and I hereby state the following:

My date of birth is July 2, 1925.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.


Robert L. Wheeler

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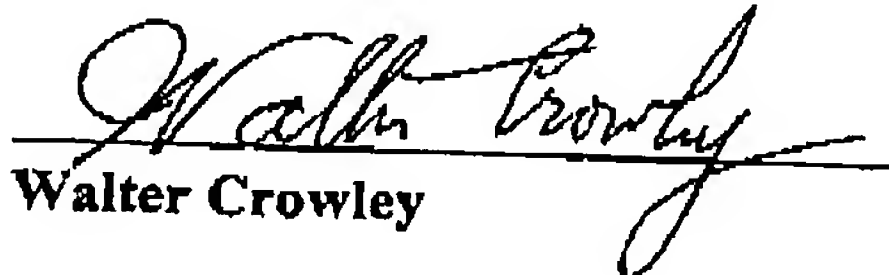
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I, Walter Crowley, of 861 Shorecrest Drive, Oak Harbor, Washington, am a co-inventor; and I hereby state the following:

My date of birth is January 31, 1917.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.


Walter Crowley

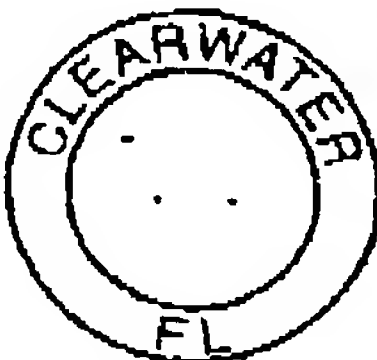
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